

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed August 23, 2005 has been carefully considered.

Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claims 22-45.

Claims 1-21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Record of Interview

On October 24, 2005, an interview was conducted by telephone between Examiner Melur Ramakrishnaiah and Marc S. Hanish, Reg. No. 42,626. Applicants thank the Examiner for granting this interview. The details of the interview are set forth in the Interview Summary document made of record.

With this amendment it is respectfully submitted the claims satisfy the statutory requirements.

Request for Entry of Amendment

Entry of this Amendment will place the Application in better condition for allowance, or at the least, narrow any issues for an appeal. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is appropriate and is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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